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THE DIVINE ORACLES, the Infallible written Word of Truth, is sufficient to make Us Comfortable, Happy, and Joyous in this World, and Qualify Us for the PERFECTION of Felicity in Cœlestial Regions to all ETERNITY, "Through FAITH, which is in Christ Jesus;"— "All Scripture is Given by Inspiration of God, "and is Profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for "Correction, for Instruction in Righteousness; that "the Man of God may be Perfect, Thoroughly "furnished Unto All Good Works, 2 Tim. 3. 15. 16 17. Therefore Mankind that Believe the Authenticity of the HOLY BIBLE, the Old and NEW Testament, that it is, the Genuine Word of God, and that No Prophecy is of any Private Interpretation, that it Came not in Old Time by the will of Man, but HOLY MEN of GOD spake as They were moved by the HOLY GHOST, 2 Pet. 1. 20. 21.

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and that whatsoever things were written before time,
 were written for Our Learning; that we, Through
 patience and Comfort of the Scriptures might have
 Hope, Rom. 15. 4. That Every word of God is Pure,
 a Shield to them that put Their Trust in HIM,
 Prov. 30. 5. & Blessed are they that hear the Word
 of God, and Keep It, Luke 11. 28. For Except
 They are Born again They cannot See the Kingdom
 of God, John 3. 3. BORN Not of Corruptible Seed,
 but of Incorruptible, by the Word of God, which
 Liveth and Abideth for Ever, 1 Pet. 1. 23. Such would
 act consistent with These Their Christian Principles;
 By making the Infallible word of GOD Their
 DIRECTORY of Life, as FOLLOWS, viz.
 The Holy Scriptures Their GRAND EXEMPLAR,
 Their Sincere, Faithful, FRIENDLY MONITOR
 THEIR EVERY DAY COUNSELLOR
 Their WISE BENEFICIAL INSTRUCTOR.
 MAKING Them the DELIGHT of Their Mind,
 Following Their DIRECTIONS of Every Kind:
 Even Kings and Queens in STATELY Palaces,
 To Their Poorest Subjects in Their Homely Cottages.
 God Regardeth the Rich, no more than a poor Beggar,
 And He Respecteth the Persons of Princes no Other;
 Being HIS Workmanship, One EQUAL with the Other;
 RICH or Poor, that Does HIS will, is Christ's Brother;

Psal. 1. Psal. 119. 24. 97. 104. 105 Prov. 23. 23

Job. 34. 19. Mark 3. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35.

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Good Women will be own'd HIS Sister & MOTHER,
 Equal with the Virgin Mary, His REAL MOTHER;
 Which Proves the Absurdity of an Interceder MARY,
 For Christ is the Only Mediator, without ACCESSORY.
 Those that apply to GOD by His MEDIATION,
 For Them, HE Ever Liveth to make INTERCESSION.

Mark 3. 31. to end. 1 Tim. 2. 5, 6. Heb. 7. 25.
 Mankind A L I K E, are liable to Momentary Death,
 And One Person is as Rich as another, at their last breath;
 The only GRANDEES at the Solemn Day of Judgment,
 Will be Those who kept the Blessed Jesus Commandment:
 That have laid Up Riches in HEAVENLY STORE,
 Wealth and Honour, that is Durable for Ever MORE;
 Where Treasures will not Corrupt or Ever Decay,
 Where Robbers Can't Come and Steal them Away.

Job 34. 20. 1 Tim. 6. 7. Matt. 6. 20. Rev. 22. 14.

O What Peace and Comfort, Self Enjoyment,
 Delight and Happiness, must Those Experience,
 Who are Disciples Indeed of ADORABLE Jesus,
 Who know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH hath
 made Them free, John 8. 31, 32. Who are treated
 by Christ as His Real Friends, John 15. 14. To
 Whom He hath Manifested Himself, John 14. 21.
 Who hath Received the Spirit of Adoption, Whereby
 They call God, with the Strictest Propriety, Their
 Very Affectionate Father, Constant Preserver, and
 Munificent Benefactor; The Spirit itself Witnessing
 with Their Spirits, That They are His Children,
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Rom. 8. 15, 16, Who is a Sun and Shield, that He gives Grace and Glory, and Witholds nothing from Them that is for Their Real Good, Either Temporal or Spiritual, Psal. 84. 11. That His Secret is With Them, Whose Affection of their H E A R T and Earnest Desire of Their S O U L is Ever Up to Him for Assistance and Direction, Psal. 25. 14. 15. Who Acknowledge Him in all Their Ways; Therefore find They are Directed by Him, Prov. 3. 6. Who can say Experimentally, That the Law of God is Perfect Converting the Soul; that the Testimony of the Lord is Sure, Making Wise the Simple, that the Statutes of the Lord are Right, Rejoicing the Heart. That the Commandments of the Lord are Pure, Enlightning the Eyes, that the Fear of the Lord is Clean, Enduring for Ever: That the Judgments of the Lord are True and Righteous Altogether, more to be desired than much fine Gold, Sweeter also than Honey and the Honey Comb. And that by Them they are Warned: and that in Keeping of Them there is Great Reward, Psal. 19. 7. to 12. That God is a Rewarder of Them that Diligently Seek Him, Heb. 11. 6. That Experience Every Kind of Thing, Whether Afflictive or Prosperous, Work together for Their Good; Because They know they Love God, Rom. 8. 28. By keeping His Commandments, which are not Grievous, 1 John 5. 2, 3. Who are Chearful, Rejoicing in the Lord alway, Phil. 4. 4. And

And That **EVEN** when under Afflictions, as Knowing that Tribulation Worketh Patience, and Patience Experience, and Experience Hope, and Hope maketh not Ashamed, because the Love of God is shed Abroad in their Hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is Given unto them, Rom. 5. 3, 4, 5. Therefore they have Learned in whatsoever State they are In, Therewith to be Content, Knowing How to be Abased, and How to Abound, Every where and in all Things to be Instructed, both to be Full and to be Hungry, both to Abound and to Suffer Need, Doing all Things through Christ, which Strengtheneth Them, Phil. 4. 11. to 14. The Truth and Reality of All these Divine Christian Graces, Either in a Greater or Lesser Degree, I have Experienced Myself, for Upwards of Twenty Five Years last past, to this 1st of November, 1770: For I Always found Under every affliction God was my Refuge, a very present help in trouble, Ps. 46. 1. And that in the Multitude of my thoughts within me His Comforts Delighted my Soul, Psal. 94. 19. **HIS CONSOLATORY GOODNESS** always Caused Me to Be Christian like Cheerful, and through His Precepts I learned Wisdom, which make me to abominate all Evil. His Holy Word Enlightned my Understanding, clearly to Discern my Duty, and act agreeably Thereto, Psal. 119. 104, 105. And that it was good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn His Statutes, the Observation of which Causes me more Real, Solid, Lasting Happiness and Pleasure, than Thousands of Silver and Gold without It, Psal. 119. 71, 72. For I Happily Experience, that Religious ways are ways of **PLEASANTNESS**, and all **HER** paths are **PEACE**, Prov. 3. 17. An Agreeable, Satisfactory, Increasing pleasure, which is much better Experienced than

than Expressed; and in Order to Attract and Engage the Affection of my Fellow Mortals, as to Cause them assiduously to Consult the **DIVINE ORACLES**, that they may Reap as much Benefit from them as Possible, and to let them know the great Value I have for Them Myself. The Unspeakable **BENEFIT** they have been, and **ARE** to Me; and as much as I can Know of my own Heart, London, 1st of September, 1770. I this Day most Solemnly Declare before the Almighty, who is the only Searcher of all Hearts and knows the Sincerity of them, Jer. 17. 9, 10. That if I was this moment in Possession of A **HUNDRED THOUSAND** Guineas, Entirely my Own Property, and could not **PURCHASE THE HOLY BIBLE**, Containing the Old and **NEW TESTAMENT**, Unless I Paid Ninety nine **THOUSAND** nine **HUNDRED** and Ninety nine Guineas, twenty shillings and eleven pence three farthings for that **BOOK** of Books, though it were but badly Bound, and Printed in the smallest Brevier letter, I would Actually Give that Money for It. For I Not only Believe the Promises of God Relating to the faithful Performance of the Scriptures, Both in the Old and New Testament, Relative to this Life, to be **TRUTH**, But I Know It by Happy experience, which I can Prove to a Demonstration in many many Instances: And though I shall be sixty Years of Age, if I live till the 11th of February next, but, by the great favour and Goodness of **ALMIGHTY GOD**, I am as Hearty and Lively, as If I were but Forty, or less; as the Generality of men are in this Degenerate Debauched Age. Ten days before, and after, the Longest day of this Year I got up Every morning at Three o'Clock, which was as soon as I Could read the Holy Scriptures; and Now I Rise at
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Five; and the Shortest day in the Year I am seldom in My Bed after Six, and Generally Speaking, I go to Bed at Ten o'Clock Summer and Winter; and Blessed be God, Can Read the smallest print without Spectacles.—I Remember, about Thirty Years since an Elderly Good Maiden Woman say, that she Verily Believed, that if Persons in Their Younger Days would get Up Early & Read with Care and Attention the BIBLE, not for Novelty, but for Instruction; They would not have Weak Eyes or be Near Sighted, which is my Opinion. O! The Delightful Serene fine Breezing Air! I have Smelled and Tasted many mornings, and the little pretty Birds Chanting Delightfully their Maker's Praise, before the Glorious Illuminary arose. And soon after the Brilliant Sun Sprang Forth, it Invigorated, Elevated My Soul to the Agreeable Contemplation of those Glorious Spirits, who are Continually in the Presence of the CREATOR of the SERAPHIMS, HIS Eyes are Ten THOUSAND Times BRIGHTER than the SUN, Beholding all the Ways of Men, Ecclesiasticus 23. 19. Many Mornings before Eight, the SUN Withdrew, the Morning Cloudy, and Dull, the Weather, Wet or Foggy, Surely I thought the ALMIGHTY CREATOR of the Glorious Benign, Fructifying ILLUMINATOR of the Day, was Displeased with the Generality of Mankind, who Rendered Themselves not Worthy of it, By Sleeping and Slugging away their Precious Moments. For the LIGHT and SUN was for that Time, made in Vain to Them. The REASON that there is any Personal or National Unhappiness is, Because the Generality of Mankind, from the Highest to the lowest, the Richest to the poorest, in Each of their Respective Stations, and according to their Various Circumstances, Do not Peruse the SACRED

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SCRIPTURES so as Faithfully to Practice their most Amiable, Salutary, Beneficial, Reciprocal, self Interesting, Heavenly Dictates; which Alluringly Invites Them. But Mankind Do frequently act contrary, Even Those Who make Great Professions of Christianity, that are Covetous, of a narrow, Selfish Contracted Behaviour, far from a Noble, Generous, Benevolent, Humane Dispensation; & Instead of speaking Truth in the Love of It, are Sly use Mental Reservation, Hypocrisy, Guile, Deceit, Lying, and De-fraud. & Instead of Praying to GOD to be Directed how to make a **HAPPY CHOICE**, for the Holy and Honourable State of Matrimony, Commit Adultery or Fornication, the Fashionable Vices of the Age. Instead of Being Moderate and Temperate in Eating and Drinking, and Using of Good Old Hospitality in Housekeeping, are Luxurious, Drunken, or **GAME**. Instead of Conversing, Edifying, and Useful, Tittle Tattle, Trumpery, and frequently Swear, or take God's HOLY Name in vain, both Rich and & Poor. Instead of attending at their Parish Church, on the Lord's Day or some Place of Christian Worship, stay at Home, or frequent Public Houses, or strolling the Streets, or the Fields. In Preparing my Manuscripts ready for the Press for Monday Mornings, I have frequently not finished, till after Eleven Sunday Morning; and afterwards in Going to Hear a Sermon both in London and Bristol, I sincerely Believe there was Twenty Men, Women, and Children Out of any Place of Divine Worship, to One that was at Public Worship. Therefore the Laws of our Land against Swearing and Sabbath Breaking, Ought, in Good Earnest, to be put in Execution by Mankind in General, Particularly Ministers of the Gospel of Christ, Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, and by the Old Honourable Officer of a Constable; in Each of Their respective Parishes in this NATION.

— E. Goldney 1770. —

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MARRIAGE is *DIVINE, Sacred, Honourable*
The Bed UNDEFILED, Therefore Reputable
Whoremongers, & Adulterers, are Scandalous
And Their OWN Enemies, very Ridiculous
Living in the Breach of GODS Laws, Deliberately
Hereafter. will be Punished by HIM Eternally.
A REAL Religious Good Husband or Wife is from the LORD
Their Value EXCEEDS All Riches, an Inestimable Reward.



When Wisdom from Above Directs the Pair
Happiness Ensues, Whether Brown, or Fair,
Tall or Short, Fat or Lean RICH or POOR.
ONLY MARRY in the LORD and You'll be JOYFUL for Ever.



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